

DURHAM COUNTY
JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

October 28, 2009 Meeting Minutes
Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Angela Nunn
Thomas MacRae
Pauletta Brown Bracy
William A. Marsh III
Keith Howard
Carolyn Nichols
Fungai Bennett
Johnnie W. Foster Jr.
Donald W. Pinchback
Herman Scott
David W. Addison
Gayle Harris
Rhonda Parker
Karen K. Thompson

Excused Absences

Nathan Curry
Brenda Howerton
Anna Mosley
Delphine Sellars
Absent
Arnold Dennis

Others Present

Nathan Ligo, Ligo Dojo
Cindy Holmes, DJJDP
Tracy Moore, United Way

Welcome, Announcements and Community Concerns

Angela Nunn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm and opened with welcoming everyone and asking all to introduce themselves and share community concerns and announcements.

Rhonda Parker announced that Durham Parks and Recreation will open a skate board park located at Durham Central Park on Saturday, November 7. Music and demonstrations will start at 12 Noon and continue until 4:30pm. The City of Durham Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, December 5th. The parade will start downtown at 4:00pm and the tree lighting will begin at 5:30pm at the CCB Plaza.

Cindy Holmes / Program Monitoring

Cindy Holmes presented an overview of the JCPC Program Monitoring Process which is driven by policy (JCPC 1.2). The monitoring process is performed at least annually, provides constructive and valuable feedback to the program providers and the local JCPC, and ensures accountability. (For more complete details of the entire process, see handouts). Cindy stated that the council has the power to interrupt program funding if the provider or their program is found not to be in compliance with DJJDP policies.

Karen Thompson informed the council that the JCPC Program Accountability Orientation/Training Session held on September 24, 2009 had a good turnout. Feedback from some of the program providers at the session was that they found it to be very helpful, and it provided clarity on some of the procedures. Some asked for help in making sure that their program has all required operational policies in place.

Governor’s Crime Commission

Angela informed the council that according to the NC Governor’s Crime Commission’s (GCC) website, all applicants are required to notify their respective county Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Chairs in writing of the intent to apply for funding from the Governor’s Crime

Commission Juvenile Justice Planning Committee. After some discussion, the council established a deadline of December 7, 2009 to receive information from any applicant who intends to apply for GCC funding. The council also decided that if there are any requests for a letter of support, an executive summary, and the budget for the proposed project should be provided for the council review. It was suggested that Celia would handle the determination of whether or not applications are in JCPC priority list and respond to the program.

To get the word out to the public, it was stated that a Public Service Announcement will be placed on the Durham County website, channel 8, and a request will be made to the Board of County Commissioners to announce at the beginning of their next meeting.

Motion: Angela motioned that a Public Service Announcement will be placed on the Durham County website, as well as Channel 8 and a request be made to the Board of County Commissioners to announce at the beginning of their next meeting stating that all applicants are required to notify the (JCPC) Chair in writing by December 7, 2009, of the intent to apply for funding and any requests for a letter of support must be accompanied by an executive summary, and the budget for the proposed project for the council review.

Action: Seconded and approved.

Minutes

Motion: Angela motioned that minutes from August 26, 2009 be accepted as presented with the correction of Donald P. Pinchback to Donald W. Pinchback. **Action:** Seconded and Approved.

Nominating Committee Report

Julie Linehan informed the council that it was time to nominate JCPC officers for this fiscal year. The nominating committee consists of Julie Linehan, chair, David Addison, and Arnold Dennis. Julie will have a Proposed Slate / Ballot for JCPC 2009-2010 Officers at the November meeting.

Monitoring Report

Celia visited the following programs and reported back to the council.

- **Building Family Strength (BFS)** is collaborating with New Horizons and the EDGE Placement and Training program. The program has received 13 referrals, 2 from New Horizon and 11 from the EDGE Placement and Training program. The number served year-to-date is on track with the Program Agreement projections. The two facilitators from BFS were very creative incorporating critical thinking into a game called MAD GRAB.
- **The P.R.O.U.D. Program** is collaborating with Teen Court & Restitution and Project B.U.I.L.D program. To date the program has received 25 referrals; 9 females and 16 males. I visited P.R.O.U.D. Young Women's Empowerment Group. The young girls were learning about self-image.
- **Adolescent Parenting Program** sponsored by the Department of Social Services to date has received 18 referrals. I visited their summer camp workshop and 30% of the kids in attendance were court referred. During summer camp, the kids learned about budgeting, opening a checking account, employment applications, setting goals, etc. At the end of camp, Judge Elaine Bushfan talked to the kids about God having a purpose for each and everyone, learning how to become self sufficient, education, etc.
- **Parenting of Adolescents Program** to date has received 20 referrals, 3 from juvenile court, 3 from DSS and 2 from other mental health agencies, 2 from Lincoln clinic, 1 from DPS, 8 from Truancy Court and 1 from self referrals. I attended the Nurturing Program graduation. I was very impressed with the level of commitment each parent had to complete the class.

- **Young Warriors Athlete Scholarship Program** to date has received 20 referrals and is in collaboration with P.R.O.U.D. and Project B.U.I.L.D program. The program receives a lot of referrals from the Center for Child and Family Health. The class I attended not only emphasizes discipline, but gives a total workout.
- **Child and Parent Support Services Program** to date has received 2 referrals from juvenile court. The program is sponsored by the Center for Child and Family Health, a consortium of Duke University, North Carolina Central University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since referrals are coming in slow to the program, Donald Pinchback suggested that the program manager attend the court counselor's staff meetings to learn about youth that are being served through juvenile court. This will help the manager determine whether or not the program can help serve the youth that are discussed at staff meetings. Also mail boxes are reserved for all JCPC Program Providers to pick up referrals at the juvenile court counselor office.

Financial Report

Karen Thompson presented another brief overview of uncommitted funds that were reserved from JCPC's total allocation. JCPC voted to reserve \$5,000 for Emergency Shelter Contract Services, \$30,000 for Structured Day Program and \$39,544 to cover a possible 7% budget reduction.

To date, the State has cut 5% of Durham's total allocation \$564,912 which amounts to \$28,246, leaving \$11,298 uncommitted from the funds reserved for budget reduction. By December 31, all reserved funds must to be allocated.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.